



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

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## **Falls Church City Named 2006 Tree City USA**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Falls Church City has been named a 2006 Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. This marks the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Falls Church City has been awarded this national recognition—it was the first community in Virginia to be recognized as a Tree City and has the longest state record for this annual award.

To become Tree City USA community, Falls Church City fulfilled the four standards required:

1. **Tree Board or Department** – The City's five-member Tree Commission makes recommendations on relevant legislation, plans, policies, and programs. It also advises the City Arborist, City Council, and City Manager on tree-related matters.
2. **Tree Care Ordinance** – The City has two ordinances that pertain to the preservation and replacement of trees on private and public grounds.
3. **Comprehensive Community Forestry Program** – The City's Urban Forestry Division is comprised of five employees, two of whom are International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborists, who work to ensure the City has a viable tree canopy.
4. **Arbor Day Observance** – Falls Church City has celebrated Arbor Day every year since 1892 – this year's observance will be the City's 115<sup>th</sup>. On the third Friday of April (Arbor Day) trees are planted on the grounds of the City's four public schools, followed by a public celebration the next day.

The Tree City USA award and flag will be presented at the City's annual Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 21 at 3 p.m. at Frady Park (300 block of East Broad Street at Fairfax Street). Details will be released soon.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

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